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1. SOME REVISIONS IN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TRANSMITTED REFTEL HAVE EMERGED FROM FURTHER MEETINGS OF CONTACT GROUP. ONLY JAPAN AND U.S. HAVE NOTED ANY CONTINUING PROBLEMS WITH TEXT AS NOW AMENDED. GROUP WILL MEET FOR PRESUMABLY LAST TIME AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 19. INDIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT FINAL TEXT BE PRESENTED FROM THE CHAIR WITH NO SPONSORS AND THAT DISCUSSION WOULD CONSIST OF RELATIVELY SHORT STATEMENTS BY DELEGATIONS WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN WORK ON DRAFT. GROUP AGREED ON THIS COURSE.

2. AMENDMENTS FOLLOW:

(A) PREAMBULAR PARA. 1: CHANGE REFERENCE FROM GA

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RESOLUTION 3040 TO RESOLUTION 3041.

(B) PREAMBULAR PARA. 2: AFTER THE WORDS "MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS" CHANGE "SHOULD" TO "SHALL AIM TO" IN ORDER TO REFLECT MORE PRECISELY WORDING OF TOKYO DECLARATION.

(C) OPERATIVE PARA 3: AFTER "CONCEPTS, AS AGREED UPON AT TOKYO," AMEND REMAINDER OF PARAGRAPH TO READ "OF NON-RECIPROCITY AND SPECIAL AND MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT THROUGH DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES IN FAVOR OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHERE IT IS FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS."

3. LENGTHY DISCUSSION IN CONTACT GROUP FOCUSED ON OPERATIVE PARA 3. YUGOSLAVIA ATTENDED IN ORDER ARGUE IN FAVOR OF RE-INTRODUCING SPECIFIC PHRASE "PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT." THIS REJECTED BY ALL WEO'S. SOME EFFORT MADE TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE PROMINENCE OF PHRASE "AS AGREED UPON AT TOKYO" BUT THIS ALSO REJECTED BY WEO'S. WEO'S ALSO REJECTED ATTEMPT TO BEGIN PARAGRAPH WITH "AGREES." LDC'S ARGUED FOR INTRODUCTION OF CONCEPT OF "DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES" AND, AFTER CONSIDERABLE WORD BARTERING, CONTACT GROUP AGREED THAT THIS PART OF SENTENCE REFLECTED LANGUAGE OF TOKYO DECLARATION AS FAR AS WAS GRAMMATICALLY POSSIBLE. IN EXCHANGE FOR ADDITION OF "DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES," U.S. (BASED ON TELEPHONE INSTRUCTIONS) AND JAPAN WON ADDITION OF "WHERE IT IS FEASIBLE AND." PLACING OF "NON-RECIPROCITY" BEFORE "SPECIAL AND MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT ETC." FOR STYLISTIC PURPOSES ONLY.

4. U.S. RECEIVED NO RPT NO SUPPORT FOR FURTHER EFFORT TO REPLACE "NON-RECIPROCITY" WITH ACTUAL WORDING OF TOKYO DECLARATION. THERE WAS ALSO NO SUPPORT FOR MODIFICATION OF OPENING OF PARA THROUGH WORD "CONCEPTS."

5. WITH REGARD TO MANNER IN WHICH PREAMBULAR PARA 4 WILL REFER TO TOKYO DECLARATION, JAPANESE REP INSISTED THAT "WELCOMING" BE USED AND U.S. REP SECONDED. INDIAN REP REPORTED THAT UPPER VOLTA AND SOME OTHER AFRICAN REPS ALSO REJECTED "WELCOMING" AND THAT ANDEAN UNCLASSIFIED

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GROP HAD "DIFFICULTY" WITH "NOTING WITH SATISFACTION." IT WAS AGREED THAT ISSUE WOULD BE TACKLED AT FINAL MEETING. (JAPANESE REP EXPRESSED THE HOPE TO U.S. REP THAT LDC'S WOULD ACCEPT COMPROMISE ON THIS MATTER IN EXCHANGE FOR ELIMINATION OF U.S. AND JAPANESE OBJECTION TO REFERENCE TO NAC DECLARATION: HE COULD IN NO EVENT ACCEPT "TAKING NOTE OF ".)

6. DEPT. SHOULD NOTE THAT DRAFT EXT AS AMENDED IS
AN AGREED DOCUMENT EXCEPT ONLY FOR (1) U.S. REP'S POSITION
THAT HIS PARTICIPATION WAS AD REFERENDUM AND (2) STRONG
JAPANESE AND U.S. STAND ON REFERENCE TO TOKYO DECLARATION,
ON WHICH THERE IS SOME HOPE OF COMPROMISE. ALL OTHER WEL'S
IN GROUP HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCEPT TEXT.
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